

Legislative Testimony  
Public Health Committee

H.B. No 5326- An act concerning compassionate aid in dying for terminally ill patients

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Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Jacqueline Kendrick and I am a senior at St. Paul Catholic High School in Bristol. I am writing this letter in opposition to the proposed bill H.B No 5326- An act concerning aid in dying for terminally ill patients.

I truly believe in the dignity of life. Every person's life is sacred and a gift from God. We must protect the dignity of life from conception to natural death. If this bill was to be passed, it would go against my religious beliefs, as well as many others in the state. The first commandment states, "You Shall Not Kill." Actively taking life, before it's natural time is wrong. God has a plan for everyone's life, and by taking life we are going against God's will. If this law was to be passed, it could create new problems within our society. For example, other countries have legalized this practice and as a result, it has opened the door to even more extreme practices, like child euthanasia. Please consider these concerns while reviewing the bill, and keep in mind the sacredness of every human life.

Thank you,

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